What is Being Done by the Veterans for the Good of the Order.

FOR COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF The Rhode Island Comrades Present the

Name of Col. Ballon. PROVIDENCE, R. I., April 2, 1896. To the Delegates and Members of the 30th Na-

voice of the Department of Rhode Island, we Q. M. S., A. O. Chapin; S. M., J. H. Rock, beg to present and carnestly urge for your favorable consideration Comrade Daniel R. Bal-Commander-in Chief. Comrade Ballou is distinguished for honor-

able and efficient service in the G.A.R., and for



He colisted in the 12th R. I. as a private in H. Silvernail; Q. M. S., W. B. Southnell; S. M., 1862, serving with his regiment in the Ninth | A. M. Blue. Corps under Burnside in the Army of the Poearning promotion to a Lieutenancy by his J. W. Davis, services in the field.

After his return home from the service he was commissioned as Colonel of one of the regiments then organized with a view to probable

Col. Ballou was a representative in the Rhode S. M., C. H. Potter; Q. M. S., H. H. Clary. Island Legislature six years; Clerk of the County Court eight years; a member of the NEW YORK .-He has been and is a prominent and active | Miller. Grand Army comrade; has occupied various OHIO.staff positions, Department and National; has

been a Post Commander, and successively held the offices of Junior and Senior Vice Department Commander, and of Department Commander of Rhode Island, and in each has exand capacity for the great office of Commander-As Department Commander, Comrade Ballou

succeeded by his earnest efforts in the establishment of Grand Army Flag Day upon the anniversary of the birthday of Abraham Lin- Lewis; Delegate, H. L. Ferguson. coln-a day to be permanently celebrated in our public schools by special patriotic services and exercises, and recognized in this State for the first time on Feb. 12, 1896.

Representing the Department and comrades of Rhode Island, we earnestly and enthusiastically urge the election of Comrade Ballou to the office of Commander-in-Chief, knowing that, if honored by your choice, he will fill that illustrious position and perform its important duties with the same fidelity, patriotism, of that office will effectively illustrate the fundamental principles of our Order, Fraternity, Chrrity, and Loyalty.

May we not count on your support? Yours, in F., C., and L.,

William E. Stone, Department Commander, Chairman; Elisha H. Rhodes, Past Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief; Henry J. Spooner, Past Department Commander; Charles C. Gray, Past Department Commander; George Edward Allen, National Aid-de-Camp; Geo. M. Turner, Assistant Inspector-General, Secretary, Committee.

DEPARTMENT NEWS.

ILLINOIS .-John W. Ross Post, Waverly-Com., J. M. Joy: S. V. C., B. M. Hughes; J. V. C., Joseph Fishback; Adj't, J. F. Woodmansee; Q. M., F. H. Wemple; Chap., R. P. Droke; O. D., Emannel Viera; O. G., Charles Jackson; Delegate. J. H. Goldsmith.

10WA .-P. M. Coder Post, 18, Vinton-Com., S. M. Edwards; S. V. C., F. M. Bramball; J. V. C., F. B. Keagle; Chap., A. O. Adams; Q. M., J. L. Tinkham; Surg., M. Merideth; O. D., L. H. Starks; O. G., N. Eisenbaur; Adj't, Harper Scott; Q. M. S., Wm. Byxbe; S. M., A. J. Meyers. Sutherland Post, 171, Waucoma-Com., Asahel Ives; S. V. C., S. B. Johnson; J. V. C., Miles Holten; Adj't, G. C. Kruger; Chap,, N. C. Walters; Surg., O. B. Dodd; Q. M., C. W. Shook; D. D., Chas. Stowell; O. G., A. A. Boylan, KANSAS .-

Union Defenders' Day was observed by Anderson Post, 420, Louisville. In the evening a delightful program was presented at the Methodist Church. A large number were

Q. M. S., Ben Downing.

A new Post was organized at Stanford Feb. 10, under the name of W. J. Landram Post, 58, with the following officers: Com., George H. McKinney; S. V. C., George W. Goodrich; J. V. C., John T. O'Hair; Surg., I. F. Peyton; Adj't, A. C. Sine; Q. M., J. M. Murphy; Chap., Thomas L. Lafallett; O. D., H. C. Rupeley; O. G., Robert Barnett; S. M., John F. Rigney; Q. VERMONT.-M. S., W. H. Johnson. MICHIGAN .-

him National fame in Grand Army circles, will | Foss. be the next Commander of the Michigan De- VIRGINIA AND NORTH CAROLINA .partment. He was elected at the Saginaw En-

wote of 587. ton, Lyons; Medical Director, George H. Granger, Bay City. All of the newly-elected VIRGINIA .officers were installed before the session closed by Past Commander Burst, of Illinois, and Col. master-General. He deferred the making of Julius Ronk, his other appointments, W. E. Hamilton, St. Johns; N. M. Richardson, Caro; James A. Green, Bay City; H. S. White, Romeo; L. M. elected to the National Encampment at St. | Crawford; Delegate, John W. Lamerson. Paul: Samuel Smith, E. R. Starkweather, WISCONSIN .-Charles W. Lake, Traverse Phillips, William J. Just, F. Schneider, Ashel B. Westen, Robert | kinson; S. V. C., Geo. Reid; J. V. C., C. Strong; Auderson, W. G. Wilson, Oscar Palmer, Ren

Weeks and J. Henry Stephens. Gov. Rich and Mrs. Rich attended a Campfire at Arbeiter Hall in the evening. The Maxson; S. V. C., S. Kerns; J. V. C., M. Hol- and have spoken at Department Reunions; turned the compliment a little later by pre-Governor made an address, Judge Kendrick brook; Surg., B. H. Stillman; Chap., A. R. presided. Washington Gardner, Col. Poud, Col. | Crandall; Q. M., W. P. Clarke; Adj't, Alf D. | we do not write our own pieces. Bliss, Schater Jones and ex-Congressman Allen | Burdick; O. D., J. E. Davidson; O. G., W. H. miss made addresses. A Campfire at the Teu- Wilbur; S. M., C. N. Green; Q. M. S., A. S. tonia Opera House, on the West Side, was pre- Bullis, sided over by Col, C. D. Little, Judge Daboll, Mrs. Emma Knapp, Col. E. R. Henderson, Division Commander of the Sons of Veteraus, and Mrs. Robbins, of Adrian, made addresses.

Drunkenness is a Disease. It is always enstomary at the annual Encamp-

Sons of Veterans to send formal greetings to the Grand Army men. This was done just before the nominating speeches for Commander came in order. The greetings from the Relief Corps were brought by a committee of six ladies. buright by a committee, of which F. C. Stilson, of lattle Creek, was spokesman. Commanderin-Chief Walker, of the National Encampment, and O. M.-Gen, Burbank came to the hall while the Relief Corps committee was on the slate, and both made short addresses. Gen. Walker was greeted with three cheers.

MINNESOTA .-John Kenedy Post, 141, Osakis-Com., P. Harman; S. V. C., B. D. Judkins; J. V. C., M. Johnson; Adj't, W. H. Crow; Q. M., W. B. tional Encampment, G.A.R. Lyons: Surg., A. O. Berrey; Chap., J. Combades: Representing the unanimous Bird; O. D., W. H. Stevens; O. G., C. Ripley; Eugene M. Wilson Post, 188, Paynesville-

Com., Sam P. Roach; S. V. C., Wm. P. Hamon; lou, of this city, as a candidate for the office of J. V. C., Benj. Franklin Gray; Chap., John Phipps; Adj't, John W. Darby; Q. M., John C. J. Hadden; O. D., Aug. F. Gerkin; O. G., John Motts; Surg., Nils Trulson; S. M., Peter Reuther ; Q. M. S., Homer Town ; Sentinel, Wm. A. Harris. MISSOURI .-

Fred Hecker Post, 290, Gray Summit-Com., Ernst Walter; S. V. C., Jacob Heid; J. V. C., George Bush; Adj't, Henry Ries; Surg., Rud. Mueller; Chap., Rud, Stricker; Q. M., Nicholas Row; O. D., Richard Ryan; O. G., John Hoff-

Cameron Garrett Post, 115, Carl Junction-Com., S. D. Chitwood; S. V. C., J. A. Loop; J. E. Evans; Surg., A. J. Bobb; Chap., John Nilson; O. D., J. H. Huffmire; O. G., John Waters; S. M., T. R. May; Q. M. S., Wm. Stries. T. Hill; Adj't, Wm. Requa; Q. M., James Monroe; Chap., W. K. Collins; Surg., G. C. Wilcox; O. D., B. G. Parker; O. G., T. J. Darsa; Sentinal, Ben. West; S. M., B. W. Tuttle; Q. M. S., O. B. Nichols.

G. K. Warren Post, 113, Gibbon-Com., N. S. D. Stern; O. D., James Holloway; O. G., G.

Sackett Post, 285, Haigler-Com., John H. Homac, where his regiment was conspicuously | Brown; S. V. C., A. Sample; J. V. C., James sengaged in the battle of Fredericksburg, in Gray; Adj't, James K. Sackett; Q. M., Wm. A. which Comrade Ballon honorably participated, Brown; Surg., J. D. Stephens; Chap., George and subsequently, during the campaign of 1863 H. Althouse; O. D., J. F. Morgan; O. G., B. in Kentucky, in the Department of the Ohio, Plymate; S. M., James Drummond; Q. M. S.,

H. L. Aldrich Post 363. Brushton-Com ... George W. Dustin; S. V. C., C. H. Totman; J. tion. metive service, but which was not called to the J. W. Tryon; Chap., J. O. Allen; Q. M., A. J. V. C., E. J. Blood; Adj't, A. B. Allen; Surg., Irish; O. D., L. B. Peck; O. G., Joe Mersha; Denver, \$4,231.35; expenditures, \$1,126.11; of a well-ordered household. Nevius Corps, I, music, were universal on the Sabbath follow-

City Conneil four years, during two years of Post 271, Fulton-Com., Grove H. Dutton; which he was President of the Board of Alder- S. V. C., George Coles; J. V. C., Job Bennett; men. He is a lawyer by profession, and one of Chap., Thomas Coles; Adj't, Anson J. Orsborn; the leading members of the Rhode Island bar, Q. M., George H. Fassell; Serg't, W. R. Han- the National Treasurer did not state that for given by the Illinois W.R.C. to this noble enbeing associated in business with his son-in- | cock; O. D., Freman C. Moshier; O. G., Geo. law in the well-known firm of Ballon & Tower. White; S. M., C. S. Murphy; Q. M. S., A E.

Grosvenor Post, 742, Broadwell-Com., J. R. hibited the energy, interest, and ability in Lucas; Q. M., J. A. Ellis; Q. M., S., Aaron Ogg. and reporting 41 Corps and 2,202 members, or in the Legislature; Representatives Halleck Price Post, 50, Westerville-Com., Henry T. | about one-third of the total estimate. Sibel; S. V. C., Simeon Chapman; J. V. C., A. E. Sharp; S. M., P. P. Ingalls; Q. M. S., J. J.

Scott Post, 100, Van Wert-Com., A. J. Glea-

Delegate, J. I. Cable. Harris Pool; Adj't, Wm. Ellis. Comrade L. J. Demarest, of Cantwell Post,

different funds and property. We also own a | Encampment, G.A.R., based on returns from 37 lot in Grove Cemetery." PENNSYLVANIA.



FRED. J. COTTON.

Garfield Post, 25, Wichita-Com., J. M. Min- enlisted as a private in Co. G. 114th Iil., Aug. ception at the Ryan. ick; S. V. C., Edward Dumont; Surg., Dr. L. J. 5, 1862, and was discharged at Memphis, Tenn., Jones; Q. M., Hank Heiserman; I. G., W. D. May 25, 1865. Later he served on detached Curtis; Adj't, H. S. Kramer; S. M., J. C. Kirk; service in dispensary at Gagon Hospital, Mem- though it is hoped Convention may hold an phis, Tenn. He joined the Grand Army in earlier session. 1878, served as Officer of the Day, 1879; Junior Vice Commander, 1884; Senior Vice Commander, 1885; Commander, 1886; since which time he has filled the office of Chaplain for seven years; Aid-de-Camp on the staff of Commander-in-Chief twice; Aid-de-Camp on the staff of the Department Commander, Assistant Inspector at-large, and Assistant Inspector.

M. Renell; S. V. C., L. F. Currier; J. V. C., | age of the National officers of Grand Army and | Gen. William Shakespeare, of Kalamazoo, C. Drown; Q. M., A. H. Hall; Adj't, E. F. Relief Corps and have been cordially welcomed Surg., Ed Davis; Chap., G. W. Curthe Owosso Eucampment two years ago for its | rier; O. D., H. B. Farmer; O. G., S. M. Harunfriendly policy toward war pensioners gave | mon; Q. M. S., Wm. M. Currier; S. M., D. C.

Geo. H. Thomas Post, 45, Petersburg-Com., campment April I, and on the second ballot re- J. H. Long; S. V. C., P. H. Graub; J. V. C., G. ceived a majority of 43 over all others in a total Roetger; Q. M., Dan Rabily; Surg., F. Birdsell; Chap., T. P. Shuerb; O. D., A. M. Warri-S. V. C., Lucius W. Lyon, Saginaw; J. V. C., ner; O. G., W. H. Orr; S. M., L. Youngblood; J. O. Bellair, Grand Rapids; Chap., J. L. Pres- Q. M. S., H. W. Weiss; Delegate, A. W. Burgess,

John A. Logan Post, 26, Hampton-Com., Joseph Glenn; S. V. C., James L. Purdy; J. V. C. V. R. Pond. The new Commander and C., James Collins; Chap., William McMillan; mounced the appointment of Col. Pond as As- Surg., Daniel French; O. D., E. D. Haynes; eistant Adjutant-General, and Representative Q. M., W. F. Larrabee; Adj't, H. C. Raymond; C. E. Foote, of Kalamazoo, as Assistant Quarter- Q. M. S., Henry Mead; Delegates, A. A. Hager,

Gen. W. T. Sherman Post, 44, Hampton-Com., Geo. Wilson; S. V. C., Henry Stannard; J. V. C., Geo. W. Lamerson; Surg., Milo Hin-Ward, Benton Harbor, were elected Council of ton; Chap., James H. Booth; O. G., John Administration. The following delegates were | Christian; Adj't, Samuel Clinton; Q. M., Wm. of the rebellion, and in every war from that

Atkinson Post, 267, Thurman-Com., J. At-Adj't, Wm. Davis; Q. M., B. Petry; Chap., J. Barker, Ira Carley, C. L. Brundage, E. S. Pease, Davis; O. D., S. S. Gifford; O. G., L. Reeves; Joseph Van Buskirk, O. Tomilinson, Edgar Surg., J. Whitney; S. M., M. Cook; Q. M. S., H.

B. Cook. A. D. Hamilton Post, 60, Milton-Com., S. L.

Will send free Book of Particulars, How to Cure "Drunkenness or the Liquor Habit" with or again, they could say: 'We helped to teach ain, and Crystal Falls. without the knowledge of the patient. Address ment for the Woman's Relief Corps and the Dr. J. W. Haines, 187 Race St., Cincinnati, Ohio.

The greeting from the Sons of Veterans was | Gleanings from National Headquarters--- Notes from Departments.

FOURTEENTH NATIONAL CONVENTION.

Growth of the Woman's Relief Corps since Their Second Annual Meeting, Held in Minnesota Twelve Years ago-A Phenomenal Record of Woman's Patriotic Zeal and Business Enterprise-Arrangements for the Meeting in St. Paul. TWELVE YEARS OF PROGRESS.

Twelve years ago, coming July 24, the Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, held its second annual | Colo. Convention in the City of Minneapolis. This Convention marked the close of an eventful year, as then and there was proven the fact that | the Department, with 1,400 members. women could work together harmoniously and with order and system, in great National bodies. A year before, at Denver, the Woman's Relief Corps had been formed as a National associa- to completion by the Woman's Relief Corps, tion, with about 40 charter members, and the Union Board, embracing Relief Corps organizations in Massachusetts and New Hampshire, as

a nucleus and model, behind it. of facts and figures to show how, between Sept. 5, 1883, and July 10, 1884, 155 Corps had been Gen. Joe Bailey Post, 26, Neada-Com., G. P. | instituted in 24 States, with Departments in Bennett; S. V. C., A. Eppanaur; J. V. C., M. 13 States, on a capital of faith, banked by hope and increased by charity.

Departments reported for the year 1883, '84, 15 in all, as follows, Massachusetts and New Hampshire coming in with the Union Board: Kansas, Feb. 6, 1884; New York, Feb. 7; Illinois, Jan. 30; Ohio, Jan. 30; Connecticut, April W. Short; S. V. C., Wm. Talbott; J. V. C., T. 1; Mjchigan, April 2; Nebraska, April 2; Maine, J. Fisher; Q. M., Wm. K. Wight; Chap., John | June 17; Pennsylvania, June 18; Wisconsin, W. Wiggins; Chap., G. D. Sturdevant; Surg., June 26; Colorado, June 26; Iowa, July 8; Indiana, July 8.

Detached Corps were reported from California, Dakota, New Jersey. Nevada, Minnesota, Oregon, Missouri, Vermont, Virginia, and Wash-

Commenting upon the achievements of the year, National President F. Florence Barker, in her annual address, said: "Our compass, pointing to work, faith, and love-the trinity of the Woman's Relief Corps-which has wrought this measure, full of the heart-work of woman, commends itself to your favorable considera-Net receipts reported by the National Treas-

cash on hand, \$105.24; total assets, \$1,652.23; liabilities, \$135.96; balance to new account, \$1,516.27.

by hope and increased by charity. Of course creasing. The five years of labor and anxiety Therese A. Jenkins, of Cheyenne, has been many months the business of the W.R.C. was | terprise has not been in vain, and Department | mittee on Patriotic Teaching. transacted on her own personal credit; but for | President Flo Jamison Miller, whose untiring | this the reward will come later, is coming, has | efforts pushed the enterprise to completion, de-

Rathburn; S. V. C., A. J. Norman; J. V. C., quarter of 1884 as \$3,374.70; so it will be seen | both sent greetings. Among the speakers of H. H. Wharff; Chap., J. M. Grosvenor; Surg., how early the W.R.C. began to settle down to the occasion were Past National President A. J. Clark; O. D., Perry Root; O. G., George | business, Of this upward of one-half came | Emma R. Wallace, Department Chaplain Ayl Ogg: Adj't, J. R. Wickham; S. M., Greenville from Massachusetts, organized Feb. 12, 1879, ing, Senator Munroe, who championed the bill

B. Kohr; Q. M., T. G. Gantz; Surg., Dr. L. H. large plans for the future of the W.R.C., and it | Miller is Secretary. Ferguson; Chap., Rev. R. B. Bennett; O. D., was there that measures were set on foot to P. A. Conklin; O. G., H. T. Schrock; Adj't, C. provide a relief fund, National and Department, and to have the W.R.C. memorialize Congress "not only to fittingly provide for the widows and orphans of soldiers, but to grant son; S. V. C., H. J. Brown; J. V. C., H. W. an honorable pension to every woman who Shearer; Adj't, D. S. Johnson; Q. M., T. J. gave her best services, her dearest hopes, for Demoss; Chap., D. J. Hale; O. D., H. Stitz; O. | the salvation of her country and the care of G., J. Murphy; Surg., W. Cox; S. M., H. Resch; the men who fought their country's battles." Q. M. S., C. W. Goss; Guard, J. Highstreet; So much for the results of one year of the W.R.C.-a year whose results were commended Cantwell Post, 97, Kenton-Com., W. W. by Commander-in-Chief Robert S. Beath in his Snodgrass; S. V. C., E. H. Allen; J. V. C., J. address before the Grand Army Encampment. Kanel; Surg., C. Hofsteter; Q. M., J. J. Wood; And now, what shall the harvest be when again Chap., H. Tuder; O. D., H. H. Sharp; O. G., the National gathering of the W.R.C. is held in and ability which have characterized his career J. Holton; S. M., L. J. Demarest; Q. M. S., the beautiful State of Minnesota. Let the reports of 1894-'95 furnish a basis for 1895-'96. The official report submitted by National writes: "We have on hand about \$1,500 in President Emma R. Wallace to 29th National Departments, with detached Corps in 11 States and Territories, gave the number of members Fred J. Cotton, Past Commander of Anna M. | in the Relief Corps in good standing as 140,305; mously indorsed by his comrades of Post 94 for | Nurses, National Relief Corps Home and like

the position of Senior Vice Commander of the purposes, \$188,329.94; total relief since organization, in 1883, \$1,201,890.19. Number of persons assisted in 1894-'95, 36,-853; balance in Corps relief fund, \$69,340.35; balance in general fund, \$138,629.91. Total assets in hands of National Treasurer, \$11,811.64; liabilities, none.

At the same ratio of increase the officers of 14th National Convention will report to 30th National Encampment an aggregate of 145,000 members, with expenditures of \$200,000 for reexpended in 13 years of upwards of a million

supported by legislative aid, of monuments | prosperous in its history. iary to the G.A.R.

NATIONAL CONVENTION NOTES. Headquarters of the Grand Army and the W.R.C. have been established at the Ryan, where, on Monday afternoon, Commander-in-

Chief Walker and staff will give a reception to soldiers and citizens. Tuesday afternoon the ladies of St. Paul will give the representatives of the W. R.C. and other patriotic associations of women a drive through Department of Pennsylvania. Comrade Cotton | the city, and in the evening all unite in a re-

On Wednesday the Grand Army will parade, and on Thursday morning Encampment opens,

The organization of Junior Corps, 1, Broken Bow, Neb., has been mentioned in THE NA-TIONAL TRIBUNE, also the fact that the patriotic little girls constituting its membership were piecing a quilt for the Nebraska Soldiers'

But the best of all has not been mentioned, and that is the fact that these little patriots Erastus Buck Post, 78, Island Pond-Com., have put themselves under the direct patron-

The officers of Junior Corps are: Pres., Zinn Grant; S. V. P., Nettie Rogers; J. V. P., Vernie Blair; Chap., Rosa Blair; Treas., Fern Wheeler; Sec., Zeda Grant; Guard, Louie Painter; Con., Mary Smith; A. C., Minta Painter; I. O., Nettie Rogers.

Eligibility is based on personal loyalty, the same as in the mother W.R.C.; and as the National President of the W.R.C., Lizabeth A. Turner, is "only a loyal woman," the letter written by the Secretary of Junior Corps must be specially gratifying. The Secretary says, in the course of her letter:

" Now, I know you will wonder who we are. Some of our members do not have any friends in the Grand Army or Relief Corps, but they are learning fast to love and honor the old soldier as much as do we who have been all our lives taught that this country is free because our friends and relatives fought to make it so, "My sister Zinn and I are descendants of a whole line of soldiers, for our own grandfather, grandmother and four uncles were in the war back to the Revolution. My great-grandfather was an officer in the Revolution, and my plete for the Department Convention, which mamma often says she is more proud of the war record of her family than anything else. But we are all proud that mother was an Army

"Our family are all honorary members of the once a month. Central Nebraska Veteraus' Association. We [speak every year at the Annual Encampments but of course, as I am only 12 and my sister 10, senting the Corps with some tables, with a

"We of Junior Corps wish it might be possible to start childrens' Corps all over the upper Peninsula, as reported by Alice M. Walters, United States; because if the children are Correpondent, has entered upon its sixth year taught to love and honor our flag, our country | of successful work. Smith Corps belongs to and its defenders, then, if the time should ever the Eleventh District, which also includes the schools, and in every way we could."

PATRIOTIC TEACHING IN MINNEAPOLIS. Mary A. Silloway writes that Minneapolis has three High Schools-the Central, the North

Side, and the South Side. Some years ago a wealthy citizen-Mr. Gall -deposited \$1,000, the interest to be given on each commencement day to the student who prepares and delivers the best oration upon subject selected by the Board of Education. Appomattox Corps, 33, of the South Side,

celling that the prize-money was a stimulant to study and oratory, have been raising a similar fund to be known by their name. Fifty dollars has been raised for the coming contest. Of 20 entering the lists two have been selected, Harry Cohen and Edward Gratz, and both have expressed their gratitude to Appomattox Corps for the privilege of competition. A GOOD REPORT.

Josephine A. Cheeseman, Greeley, reports that a Corps will soon be instituted at Alamosa,

Cash expended for relief from April 1, 1895, to Dec. 31, 1895, \$1,156.53; relief other than money, \$1,156.20. There are now 42 Corps in ILLINOIS RELIEF CORPS HOME.

was formally opened March 11. This Home, situated on the Kankakee River, Will County, was purchased December, 1895, of much study and interest.

ture to open and support the Home. The furnishings were done by the various | newing the doctrine of Fraternity by pleasant

C. F. Smith Corps has earned and expended more than \$2,000 in relief, with \$250 more on hand. The Corps presented the Post with a flag and the sum of \$50 towards paying for the iron fence around the soldiers' plot, and have

turned over smaller sums to the Post. Smith Corps holds an annual party, followed by numerous entertainments throughout the year, to keep up its funds.

Sceretary Annie Crawford, Dick Richardson Corps, Pontiac, reports a dozen carnest women out of about 30 who have been keeping the fires burning brightly against great odds. Last year a social was held once a month.

They gave a Midwinter Campfire and banquet, with Department Commander Daboll and Department President Knapp present by invi-

tation, which was a grand patriotic outpouring; 21 baskets were sent to the needy. DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO AND WYOMING. With a patriot's touch sweep the strings of the

In unison join, with which to inspire
The children and youth to remember with pride
The leaders of men who rose with the tide Of tax and rebellion, our Nation to save-

The Father of Freedom, the Friend of the Slave. The past month much incense was offered at the shrine of America's patron saint. Patriot-The Illinois Soldiers' Widows' Home at Wilism has been in the air; school children have mington, an enterprise projected and carried | raced home singing tunes that sounded in the | to preserve the Union. They picture the dark ears of veterans like music of other days. At Cheyenne, Wyo., the high school boys held a Colonial Congress, which gave evidence

for \$5,000, and consists of 17 acres of land and a Posts and Corps throughout the Department two story brick house with 18 rooms. The vied with each other in observing the dualogy National President Lizabeth A. Turner was | purchase price was from a \$20,000 appropriation | of memory in honor of the two brave men who V. C., W. H. Temple; Q. M., A. Grim; Adj't, W. | the Treasurer, and came forward with an array | made at the last session of the Illinois Legisla- | first saw the light in this month of Winter leaning on the shoulder of Spring; again re-

subjects were: Americanism; God in American

PENNAMITE WORKERS.

Corps 40 has just given a musical and literary

DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS.

Department Inspector E. J. Rust, G.A.R.,

presented the Corps with a beautiful roster, de-

ANOTHER OHIO CANDIDATE.

tion pledging support to Department I, and I,

Officer Emma F. Cressinger, Corps 33, Ashland,

for Department President, she having become

a car 'idate through the solicitations of many

friends. The resolution is signed by President

Kate G. Raynor; Past Presidents S. Alice Rich-

ardson, Mary A. Bills, Elizabeth Mansfield Irv-

ing, and Deborah Harny, the latter transferred

from Corps 71; also by Hattie M. Bennett and

Resolved, That we, feeling confidence in her in-

her work in the past, do heartily second the in-

dorsement of her nomination by Memerial Corps,

DEPARTMENT OF OREGON.

Portland, reports rejoicing in Oregon W.R.C.

circles over the institution of a Corps at Hills-

so stirred by the evening Campfire which fol-

lowed that 25 applications were at once sent in.

addressed an open meeting of women, explain-

ing the aims and objects of the Woman's Relief

Corps, and her words were so patriotic and in-

spiring that almost everyone present was obli-

DEPARTMENT ORDERS.

gated when the secret session was called.

In the afternoon the Department President

Department Correspondent Sarah E. Miller,

Forsyth Corps, Toledo, have passed a resolu-

signed and printed by himself.



ILLINOIS W.R.C. HOME.

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Winter.

follows:

Corps in the Department.

urer, beginning with \$45 membership fees at | not forgetting pictures and other appointments | Patriotic sermons, accompanied by patriotic Rockford, has furnished one of the parlors | ing the natal day of the chieftain. Some of the beautifully and Farragut Corps another.

Twenty-eight applications were on file when | History; The Christian Soldier; America and So much for an account based on faith, banked | the Home was opened, and the number is in- | Her Duty. Thus does the good work advance.

serves all the praise she is receiving. National Secretary Sarah E. Fuller reported | Department Commander Powell and Gov. by Gen. Kennedy, on behalf of the Corps. expenditures for relief for the first and second | Aligeld were detained from the opening, but and interesting as they were this year. and Steen and Capt, Stewart, President of the Second National Convention was prolific in Board of Trustees, of which Flora Jamison

> DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA. Margaret E. Bell, Correspondent, reports as a sum of money in token of the love and apprefollows: E. O. C. Ord Corps, Los Gatos, Cal., gave | ciation of her co-workers.

a social to Ord Post and the Sons and Daughters of Veterans, which was largely attended; refreshments delicious and program fine. Gordon Granger Corps, Orange, gave a " Lady Washington Tea," several wearing caps and kerchiefs. Mrs. Bibber as Lady Washington wore her mother's white silk wedding gown. The Kelief Corps Home at Evergreen has them in their noble efforts. 19 inmates. Eight of these are children, the youngest being but three years old.

DEPARTMENT OR NEW YORK. Helen I. Parker, Correspondent, reports a wave of sociability and money-making in the Department of New York. Something new in G.A.R. and W.R.C. circles is a prayer-meeting held every Sunday atternoon by Watrous Post and Corps of Bingham. The Relief Corps of Fulton realized \$30 from

meals served at the town elections. Chismore Ross Post, 94, Philadelphia, has been unani. expenditures for relief, Memorial Day, Army | Corps, Ilion, have presented flags to all public schools of the village; money raised by enter-One hundred and fifty guests attended the birthday anniversary of Mansfield Corps, 5, Brooklyn. Program musical and literary. ant socials from house to house.

Alexander Hamilton Corps, New York City, are holding a series of receptions at their rooms. Dime novelty entertaiments are in vogue at Saratoga Springs, one of them netting \$34. DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND. Past Department President Emily F. Fish,

lief, making a grand total for relief raised and | reporting for Rhode Island, says that the administration of Department President Julia P. Nason is vigorously carried forward, and it is And then think of the Homes founded and expected the present year will be the most

built, halls furnished, and patriotic teaching | A movement is on foot to print the records introduced into the schools, upon which no of the Department from the time of its organimonetary value can be fixed, and some idea | zation to the present date, provided the necesmay be evolved concerning the fremendous sary funds can be secured. An entertainment Clara M. Skinner, delegates. The resolution success of the W.R.C. and of its value as auxil- will be held April 3 at Providence, all Corps uniting, in aid of the fund.

Charles E. Gild Corps, 21, held its first anniversary March 20, the Post and S. of V. present as guests. Past President Fish read an original poem appropriate to the occasion. Tower Corps, 1, realized a nice little sum from of Cleveland, and of other Corps in the State, and an old-fashioned candy-pull and popcorn party. piedge to her our carnest support and co-opera-Slocum Corps, 6, had a well-patronized baked-

The Wakefield Concert Company gave a musical entertainment at Warren for the benefit of R. F. Toban Corps, 20. Emily J. Drown, Chairman of the Depart- boro with a charter membership of 75, Department Committee on Patriotic Teaching, is rep- ment President Mary S. Myers, officiating, resented as most enthusiastic in her work, and | Fifty were obligated at the first meeting, and under her supervision good results may be ex- | the patriotism of the women of the place was

pected. DEPARTMENT OF MAINE.

bean supper, followed by an entertainment.

Inzetta Small, Department Correspondent, writes that the new administration has settled down to work with every prospect of a successful year. Department President Belle J. Palmer is well equipped for the office, and many congratulations following her election indicates the confidence in which she is held. She brings to her office health, strength, experience, and means.

Ezra M. Billings Post and Corps, of which the Department President, Secretary, and was served, the band played, the children Treasurer are members, held a joint reception in honor of their election. The Department President was invited to meet the Waldo County Veterans' Association.

The invitation was accepted, and after a pleasant fraternal meeting she went to Augusta to meet the Home Board. From there, accompanied by Department Counselor M. Antoinette Millette, she visited a

number of the coast towns of Maine in the interest of the W.R.C. Mrs. Millette has recovered from a recent illness, and will be a mainstay of the Department President throughout the year.

Reunion grounds at Weirs. Corps 1, of Bangor, visited the Corps at Hermon, and had a most emjoyable day. Corps 1 has had two courses of assemblies at the homes of members of the Post and Corps; proceeds applied to the purchase of a Corps banner. thing points to her unanimous re-election. Custer Corps, Lewiston, surprised the Post, and presented them two beautiful oak office chairs, after which refreshments were served. rus Adams Corps, Frewsburg, have been added DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN. Department Correspondent Mary A. Keeler

writes that the arrangements are most com-

be a candidate for re-election, has been pushing the work of the Committee on Patriotism, has just been concluded at Saginaw. of which she is Chairman, with her accustomed Open meetings between Post and Corps were very frequent throughout the Winter. The | zeal. Post and Corps at Boyne Falls report meetings Abraham Lincoln War Veterans, The Association of Abraham Lincoln War At the last meeting Robinson Corps pre-Veterans of Kings Co., N. Y., with Headquarsented the Post with a new flag. The Post reters corner Tompkins Ave. and Park St., Brook-

lyn, now has over 500 members. The meetings are well attended, and much interest is shown. feast all laid, which was a great surprise. The Service Pension bill has been indersed by C. F. Smith Corps, of Escanaba, way up in the the Association.

FREE TO INVALID LADIES. A lady who suffered for years with uterine troubles, come when the country needed defending Corps of Menominee, Manistique, Iron Mount. displacements. Incorrhoea and other irregularities, finally found a safe and simple home treatment that completely cured her without the aid of medical at-tendance. She will send it free with full instructions patriotism, to have Grand Army Day in our Very encouraging reports were made by the schools, and in every way we could."

Very encouraging reports were made by the how to use it, to any suffering woman sending name corps at the district meeting held at Escanaba.

Corps at the district meeting held at Escanaba.

National Orders---Division News and

Election of Officers.

Memorial Day Orders-Large Gain in Membership. HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,

SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A., . ROOMS 1-2, FIRST NATIONAL BANK BLOCK, LACROSSE, KAN., April, 1896. General Orders, No. 2. Series of 1896. Ouce more the unceasing flight of time brings

mournful anniversary held sacred to the mem- | 294, Division of Pennsylvania, Jermyn, Pa. ery of the Nation's dead-Memorial Day. From the voiceless past come the shadows of mumberiess known and unknown heroes who gave their all of life to perpetuate human liberty and days of the rebellion, when cannon roared and musketry rattled, dealing out death and destrucrows, all over the Southland, Of the veteraus who returned home one

sleep in the great National cemeteries, every graveyard, every secluded burial ground in the North is hallowed by the presence of the green tents of sleeping heroes. Loving thoughts of these known and un-

known dead suggested the beautiful custom of decorating their graves with the choicest \$1,800, although this is not the only way relief flowers of Spring, thus avowing grateful re- is given; formembrance and proclaiming to the children and Is isn't the world-famed wonders that are best faunto the generations forever that the deeds of these men who died for God and country shall be remembered as long as courage is rated as a virtue and liberty is loved as a priceless

There will be more soldiers' graves to decorate this Memorial Day than ever before-the old guard dwindles. May the mystic chords of memory, reaching from the heroic dead to the patriotic living, sound the music that shall call us one and all to our duty to the memory of him who fought for the right, and in fighting triumphed, and in the triumph died.

On this occasion let us take a new draught of courage that will aid us in the future in the performance of our duty as the sons of those whose memory we honor on this Memorial Day. Let us consecrate ourselves anew to the work that lies before us. In the ministrations of a loving memory to the dead, may we not forget the living.

Every Camp should be found in the line of duty, and every member of the Order should morial Day more general than ever before, and Past Secretary Hester Hartzell, of Farragut | let it be in the right way. No Son of a Vet-Corps, Denver, appreciates the gold recognition | eran should be found desecrating the day, dishonoring his father or his father's memory, and pin presented her on joint-installation evening disgracing himself by engaging in the amusements of ball-playing, horse-racing, dancing, Joint installations were never so numerous etc., so common in many localities. Make it a day of tender, loving service, of grateful re-Josephine A. Cheeseman, Department Corremembrance, and of patriotic inspiration. Make it what it should be—the most sacred of all the

days consecrated to the American soldier. Mrs. Juliet Halstead, charter member of Past Captain A. G. Alrich, Lawrence, Kan., Corps 40, Lock Haven, Pa., who lost her son, is hereby appointed as a member of the Ritual the last relative in the world, in the war, was Committee appointed by General Order 7, Segiven a pleasant surprise by her associates on ries of 1895, vice Adj't-Gen. Borin, resigned. her 75th birthday, when she was presented with The Committee on Transportation for the 15th annual meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief is hereby appointed, and is constituted as Our correspondent, S. E. Quiggle, writes that she frequently reads from THE NATIONAL Ill.; Gen. A. W. Jones, Youngstown, O.; Geo. TRIBUNE at Corps meetings, and that the good W. Knowlton, Boston, Mass.; John V. B. Clarkthings in it from many sources inspire all to son, New York City; Louis E. Schroder, San you. Francisco, Cal.

entertainment, benefit relief. Success attend installed as follows: Connecticut, Geo. E. Cox, Louisa Cluskey, Department Press Corre- sachusetts, Harry D. Sisson, Pittsfield; Mis- they will certainly be entertained royally, and souri. Manly Wren, Bethany; Nebraska, Geo. | we shall all try and accept the invitation. spondent, reports great activity in George B. McClellan Corps, 16, Houston, the youngest F. Wolz, Fremont; New Jersey, James B. Adams, Atlantic City; Ohio, D. Q. Morrow, Hills-This Corps was instituted July last, and has prospered beyond all expectation. Some 1355, Providence. months since they presented the Post a flag, Division Encampments will be held as fol-

lows : California, Sata Cruz, April 20, 21, 22; ex-Confederates being present at the Campfire During Carnival week the Corps served meals, realizing handsomely for relief, of 22, 23; New Hampshire, Concord, April 15, 16; which they have done considerable the past The first President, Maggie Rust, was re-Plattsburg, June 23, 24, 25. elected and has proved herself an efficient On recommendation of the Division Comofficer. The Corps is holding a series of pleas-

Camp, 18, South Dakota; Wm. H. Mallory Camp, 11, Connecticut. By reference to the consolidated report of the Adjutant-General, accompanying this Order, it will be noted that the net gain in the of loyalty, that not only strengthens the Order | Mary Warren, Wakefield. but also broadens and deepens and comeats the accession during the current quarter, as evidenced by applications made to the Commandtegrity of purpose and ability to discharge all duties which may devolve upon her in the future gain new members, the weak Camps in the with the same efficiency which has characterized various Divisions should be earnestly aided and encouraged. Those members who have grown indifferent should be again warmed by kindling once more within them the fires of liberty and loyalty. A member or a Camp

> flag; faithfully, loyally, lovingly, dauntlessly standing by the Order and the grand principles it embodies. By command of W. H. RUSSELL, Commanderin-Chief.

held is equal to one gained. By earnest,

forth his deep devotion to his country and his

zealous work let each Son of a Veteran show

Official: C. Borin, Adjutant-General. Adjutant-General's Consolidated Report for Quarter Ending Dec. 31, 1895. Gain. Loss.

Department Commander Allen and A. A. G. Morse were present at the Campfire, from Portland, where the installation of officers took place; Mrs. Welch, President. Supper sang, and all in all it was a red-letter day for Hillsboro. Oregon is proud of her new Corps. The seventh annual Convention, Department of Texas, will be held at Dallas, April 21, 22 | California... 5 85 1 69 .. 261 and 23. Dallas friends will entertain all dele- Colorado .. gates. Department President Conger has made a vigorous administration and pushed the Gulf ... cause of patriotic teaching with marked effect. lilinois ... 1767 1851 5 256 3 340 Indiana.... Department President Sophia E. Dodge, of 13 188 1251 1226 Iowa..... New Hampshire, makes a call on behalf of the 1823 14 267 Kansas 11 23 1 20 5 191 1 168 National Veterans' Association for the improve-Kentucky., 12 1211 BESSIE CRAWFORD, Corresponding Secretary, 1221 2 312 1 278 113 4474 50 53 42 759 ment of Headquarters building at Summer 476 Maryland ... 4140 Department President Annie P. Cleary, of Michigan .. 42 New York, calls the New York Convention for | Minnesota. 43 1 129 5 129 May 19 at Utica. Her administration has 1018 17 336 4 147 567 been full of faith and good works, and every-Nebraska... N. H..... 843 3 114 4 190 Kitching Corps, Yonkers; Hamilton Corps, New York.. 119 3070 15 461 9 435 Brooklyn; Carroll Corps, Port Jervis, and Cy-3 225 Ohio...... 126 2871 9 290 Oregon 156 5212 to the New York roster since last General Orders. Department Treasurer Elizabeth B. Smith, S. Dakota... of New York, who announces that she will not Vermont.. 42 Washing'n 25 924 1 65 583 5 107 362 12 2 50 16 601 8 172 2 96 33 321 W. Virginia 18 Totals..... 1327 33753 143 4530 82 3711 1388 31572

BUILDING UP THE ORDER. An Interesting Letter from a Pennsylvania Brother.

tance.

us are older than our fathers when they entered | street, Chicago, Ill.

the service of the Union. It is an injustice to the Grand Army to say that its members will not support the Sons of Veterans in their noble undertaking; but we must show to them that our Order is to perpetuate the noble principles for which they fought, and to keep green the

memory of the Nation's gallant dead. I predict that the Sons of Veterans will be in the near future one of the most prosperous Orders in the land. We have a better foundation to build upon than any other society except HEADQUARTERS BULLETIN.

the Grand Army. Every Camp that is located near a Post should endeavor to get the comrades interested in its work, and have them attend its meetings. Have a Campfire or a bean-bake once in a while, and invite the old veterans and their families to attend. Make the affair interesting for the comrades by allowing them to take an active part in all the proceedings of the evening. Appoint committees to wait upon the Posts and offer the services of the Camp at funerals and on other occasions .- LAFAYETTE to us that sad, solemn, and sweetly, tenderly MATHEWS, Past Captain of O. C. Smith Campa-

> LADIES' AID SOCIETY. Interesting Letter from the National Vice-

President. EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: We are sooften asked who are eligible to our Order, and what do we do? Are we a sort of a social tion everywhere; and little mounds of earth | auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans, or do we do were heaped over fallen heroes, in irregular relief work, and who do we assist? Our eligi-

bility clause reads: " Membership shall consist of, first, mothers, wives and sisters of deceased or honorably-disafter another, answering the call of time, has | charged soldiers, sailors or marines who served dropped from the ranks, so that now, aside in the Union army or navy during the civil from the thousands who lie in their dreamless | war of 1861-1865; second, female lineal descendants, not less than 16 years of age, of soldiers, sailors or marines; third, wives of Sons of Veterans."

> We are organized for work, and just such work as the Woman's Relief Corps is doing, only on a much smaller scale. Our consolidated relief work for the year 1894 amounted to almost

Are we a social Order? Emphatically, no.

the Father's sight, Nor the wrenth of fading hurel that garnished Fame's dizzy hight

But the pitying love and kindness, the work of the WHITE CHICAR, The beautiful hope and patience and self-forgetful-The trifle in secret given, the prayer in the silent-

The little unknown nothings that are good in the Father's sight; and so we are striving to win the commenda-

tion of "well done, good and faithful" daughters of patriotic sires. So many Societies say, How do you make your meetings interesting and keep up your membership? Answer. "Eternal vigilance." It takes time and patience to please everyone, but a good, live Society is one that never stops for breath, but goes on, from one entertainment to another, nothing elaborate, just enough to attract. The meetings must be attended in order to have a finger in the show. Haven't you heard of our singing-schools and quiltingdo his part to make the observance of this Meyou have these little gatherings be sure and plant some patriotic seeds, and with a little care the indifferent members will soon be as loyal as you and will soon help in spreading the patriotic fever. It is a disease everyone should have. The harder the attack the better the result. See that your patients never recover.

They should all be incurables. ALONG THE LINE. The National President reports eight new Societies in the last three months. Good! Society, Camp, and Post of Waverly, N. Y.,

chartered a trolley car and went over to Athens, Pa., to help celebrate Union Defenders' Day. They report a good time. Plattsburg, N. Y., entertains the Division Encampment of that State, and the girls want follows: R. Loebenstein, Chairman, Chicago, a Society organized there at once. Hurry up, boys! you'll have your hands full entertain-

ing an Eucampment without a Society to assist Indiana Sons of Veterans are sending out Division Commanders have been elected and handsome invitations for their Division Encampment, to be held July 1-3, at Frankfort. 48 State street, Hartford; Maryland, Frank O. If the invitations are an indication of hospita-Peterson, 1226 Hollins street, Baltimore; Mas- ble welcome that awaits the S. of V. and L.A.S.,

Washington L.A.S., of Denver, Colo., has adopted beautiful resolutions of respect on the boro; Rhode Island, Herbert S. Thompson, Box | death of Brother Amasa A. Wright, of Washington Camp. Brother Wright was a valued member of the Camp, and the Society has

lost a loyal supporter. Colorado, Denver, April 22, 23, 24; Indiana, At the third annual Encampment of the Frankfort, July 1, 2, 3; Kansas, Beloit, April 21. | Maryland Division, L.A.S., the following officers were elected and duly installed: Pres. Pennsylvania, Gettysburg, June 3, 4, 5; Michi- Miss Almira V. Brown, Washington, D. C.; gan, Holland, June 23, 24, 25, 26; New York, V. P., Miss Lottie Musgrave, Baltimore, Md.; Chief of Staff, Mrs. Stella Van Norsdall, Riverdale, Md.; Chap., Mrs. J. King, Baltimore, manders, the charters of the following Camps | Md.; Treas., Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas, Washingare hereby annulled and declared forfeited: ton, D. C.; Inspector, Miss Emma K. Ruths, Ellsworth Camp, 2. Maryland; David Cole Baitimore Md.; Mustering and Installing Officer, Mrs. Amelia C. Whitney, Baltimore, Md. Division Council, Miss Mattie B. Allen, Miss

Katie E. Weber, Mrs. Stella Harbour. The following Divisions have held Encampments, and their Presidents and Headquarters organization for the quarter ending Dec. 31, for the ensuing year are as follows: Maryland, 1895, is 819 members. This evidence of growth Miss Almira Brown, Washington, D. C.; Ohio, is most gratifying, as it shows an awakening in Miss Lillio Herbst, Canton; Missouri, Mrs. patriotism and zeal, and a renewal of the spirit | Mary Gerdel, St. Louis; Massachusetts, Mrs.

The National President announces that the living wall of defenders of the Union. The National Encampment to be held in Louisville will take place in September. Then each Society will have an opportunity to assist in the cry Headquarters, will show another large in- revision of our laws and ritual. If you are satcrease in membership for the first quarter of isfied, send your representative to confirm the 1896. While no effort should be spared to laws already made. Go yourself, and get acquainted with the "powers behind the throne."

KATE G. RAYNOR, Toledo, O.

Nebraska Daughters of Veterans. EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: Mary R. Morgan Tent, 13, Daughters of Veterans, Lincoln. Neb., has elected and installed the following corps of officers: Pres., Benlah C. Davis; S. V .-P., Lillie Pratt; J. V.-P., M. Anna Reding; Sec., Mary Fulton; Treas., Ada Ault; Chap., Elenor Perry; I. G., Nellie A. Baird; Guard, Lulu Feeny; Musician, Era Bolshaw.

President Davis is Past Department Presi-

dent, also the present Department Secretary, while Mrs. Baird, the Inside Guard, was Department Secretary last year under Mrs. Davis, and is now Department President. Miss Reding, Junior Vice-President, is Department Treasurer of Nebraska and National Chaplain. The relief work for the past year has been carried on as well as the limited means would allow. This year the principal work done so

far is the furnishing of a room in the Milford Soldiers' Home. Everything needed to make a room pleasant, comfortable, and cheerful will be furnished by the Tent. The two single beds, with ma were the only thing the room contained. The members met evenings and made the bed clothes and did the rest of the sewing. The remainder of the furniture will be bought with money made from socials given for that purpose. The full name, Mary R. Morgan Tent, 13, Daugh-228 full name, Mary R. Morgan Tent, 13, Daughblack tin and placed over the door of the room. Every room furnished by an organization has adopted this plan of naming. Many pretty and ornamental articles are ready for the room,

1409 F street, Lincoln, Neb. Anniversary of Hastings Circle.

and will be placed there as soon as possible. -

Hastings Circle, 19, Ladies of the G.A.R. Hastings, Neb., celebrated the first anniversary of its organization, March 25, in Grand Army Hall. There was a large attendance of war 132 2936 veterans, their wives and friends. The hall was becomingly decorated with flags and bunting in honor of the occasion. The report of 194 the Secretary showed much good work had been done during the first year of the Circle's existence.

> Home Seekers' Excursions. In order to give everyone an opportunity to

see the Western Country and enable the home seekers to secure a home in time to commence work for the season of 1896, the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway has arranged to run a series of four home seekers' excursions to various points in the West, Northwest and EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: I was deeply Southwest on the following dates: March 10. interested in the letter from Brother Strong, | April 7 and 21 and May 5, at the low rate of which appeared in the issue of Feb. 20. While \$2, more than one fare for the round trip. I do not agree with him that the future pros- Tick a will be good for return on any Tuesday perity of the Sons of Veterans depends wholly | or Friday within twenty-one days from date of upon the influence of the Grand Army of the | sale. For rates, time of trains and further Republic, their help would be of much impor- | details apply to any coupon ticket agent in the East or South, or address J. U. Everest, Gen-We are no longer boys of tender age; some of eral Traveling Passenger Agent, 95 Adams